

Harriet Prindiville House
River Street Historic District
54 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 54 North River Street, River Street Historic District
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
UTM Coordinates: 10-597710-4132300

Significance: The Harriet Prindiville House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.

Description: The Harriet Prindiville House is a one and one half story wood framed cottage with a pyramidal hipped roof. The house is clad in V-groove rustic siding with composition shingle on the roof. The house contains a hip roofed bay on the southern half of the front elevation and a centered, hip roofed dormer window. The bay window consists of a 16-pane fixed central window and 8-pane fixed windows on the sides. This house, like others in this district, combines elements of two styles; in this case a Queen Anne cottage with neo-classical details. Changes to the house include the enclosure of the entry porch on the northwest corner and the conversion of most of the rooms into bedrooms. The plan originally consisted of the kitchen, living room, and dining room along the south wall, with the two bedrooms and bathroom along the north wall. A dilapidated screened porch occupies the northeast corner of the house.

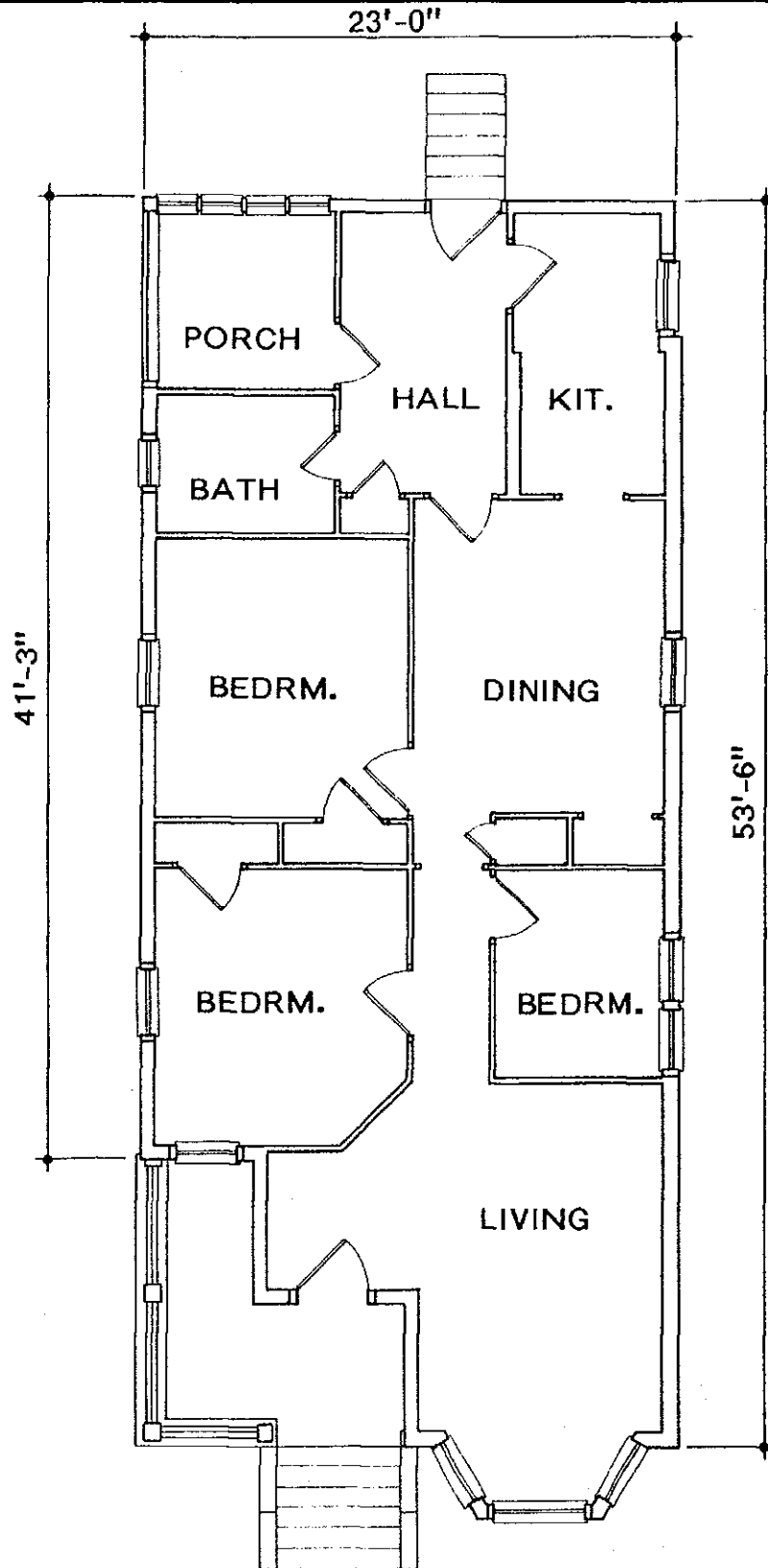
History: The house was constructed around 1910 and was primarily occupied by members of the Prindiville family, who owned much of the property in the area and were very influential in the development of this part of San Jose. The house was owned by Harriet Prindiville, a schoolteacher at Sunol School, but its original occupant was her brother George Prindiville, who worked with the San Jose Water Company, and his wife Kittie. Harriet Prindiville remained in the Prindiville home owned by her mother Hannah at 340 West San Augustine (later West St. John) and moved into this house in 1935 and continued to live here until 1955.

Sources: California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by
Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose Block Map, 1924.

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"